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Applicants : Michael C. Weaver et al.
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AND PROCESSING LEGAL DOCUMENTS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of October 22, 2002, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on March 22, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method, comprising:
- storing electronic files, which can be subject to a legal proceeding, in a storage system, including storing and indexing electronic characteristics associated with a native format of the electronic files;
- providing access to the stored electronic files to a user terminal via a server communicatively coupled to the storage system and to the user terminal, the electronic files